

K. ADATSA and SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)

Purpose: To describe the ADATSA services available to:

1. SSI beneficiaries
2. SSI-related medical cases
3. SSI ineligible spouses

CLARIFYING INFORMATION

1. SSA will terminate the benefits for SSI beneficiaries who are placed in a "public institution" for more than 30 days. Placement into King County's Cedar Hills treatment center may result in SSI termination because Cedar Hills is defined by SSI rules as a non-medical public institution.
2. The CSO needs to act based on the assumption that SSI termination will/has occurred, even if the Social Security Administration does not immediately process the termination.

WORKER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. When an SSI beneficiary has been placed at Cedar Hills for more than 30 days, send the client an application form, DSHS 14-001(X), along with an ADATSA Award/Change of Status letter. In the letter tell the client to complete and return the application immediately to avoid any break in benefits.
2. If the client fails to respond and SSI is terminated, send the appropriate termination letter to the client and also notify the assessment center to terminate treatment.

SSI Related Medical Cases

1. Open relatable program code in ACES for persons who are categorically related to SSI but are ineligible for SSI.
2. See SSI for information on determining eligibility for an SSI related client with income over the General Assistance or SSI standard but below the rates of the CCF facility (plus CPI standard) in which they are placed.

SSI Ineligible Spouse

1. No application form (DSHS 14-001(X)) or application interview is necessary for an SSI ineligible spouse (with one exception - see section 5. below).
2. An SSI ineligible spouse is referred to the Assessment Center under the W program. The CSO needs to make sure the Assessment Center is told it is an inpatient services-only case.
3. DASA pays the inpatient treatment costs through SSPS.
4. Participation does not apply to these cases. Participation is waived for intensive inpatient treatment in any event, and if the SSI ineligible spouse is going to be in treatment beyond an intensive stay, then SSA will consider the spouses separated and will reduce the primary SSI beneficiary's check accordingly. Inform SSA of changes.

(The CSO needs to act based on this statement, even if SSA does not, in actuality, process a reduction in the primary beneficiary's SSI check.)

5. The SSI ineligible spouse then must apply and establish ADATSA treatment eligibility in the same manner as an SSI primary beneficiary staying at Cedar Hills longer than 30 days.